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Reflection Questions Chapter 9 Section 2

1. Do you feel that the power presented to members of India’s government extreme (for example, the president’s ability to dissolve a state’s government) or balanced (coalition)?
2. What effects do the caste system have on India’s social stability?
3. Despite it’s caste and religious conflicts, India remains a democracy, which is one of the main reasons it hasn’t been torn to bits already by the extremists within. Nowadays, India has maintained a coalition government since the three initial political leaders of the same family; Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, and Rajiv Gandhi. Do you feel that it was coincidental that India’s first three leaders were all related or that there was another reason that from 1949-1991 one family basically maintained control over India?